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SHOOTING OF FILM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated June 12, 2006 according to which wives of senior army officers shot a film in Indian Military Academy, Dehradun;

(b) if so, whether prior permission was obtained from the Government for the said shooting;

(c) if so, the purpose for which the film is being produced;

(d) whether permission for such purposes are usually given; and

(e) if so, the public money spent by Indian Military Academy, Dehradun and Army Headquarter on shooting of this film?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A proposal was received from M/s India Connect, Pune seeking Army assistance for its proposed film titled "Shaurya". Army assistance for shooting of films/TV Serials is provided as per Army Order 12/88 to such of the films/TV Serials as have the potential to enhance the image of the Armed Forces subject to payment of charges as per laid down rates and completion of other formalities. However, in case of film "Shaurya", the proposal has not been agreed to by the Ministry of Defence.

(e) No public money has been spent for the purpose.